ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Richmond, Dec. 1, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 157.

I. The provisions of paragraph I, General Orders, No. 67, current series, are hereby extended so as to include officers of the Commissary department, and such agents of that department as have been appointed by the Secretary of War.

II. When a soldier, ordered before a "board of examiners for conscripts," or a "hospital examining board," in pursuance of paragraph III, General Orders, No. 141, current series, is unable to appear by reason of physical disability, he will forward to the enrolling officer a certificate to this effect, signed by his attending physician, which certificate will also embrace a full and accurate statement of the case. The enrolling officer will submit the certificate to either board, who, in conference with him, will make upon it such recommendation as may be warranted by the facts ascertained and the character of the parties. This recommendation, with the statement, will be forwarded as directed in the paragraph above quoted.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.